

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County Clerk
County of San Diego
1600 Pacific Highway, Room 260
San Diego, CA 92101

From: Otay Water District
2554 Sweetwater Springs Blvd.
Spring Valley, CA 91978-2096

Project Title: Otay Water District Recycled Water Intertie Project Planning Study

Project Location – Specific: The planning project study area consists of the 126 square mile Otay Water District Service Area and the 36 square mile Sweetwater Authority Service Area in southern San Diego County (See Exhibit A).

Project Location – City: Chula Vista and unincorporated portions of San Diego County

Project Location – County: San Diego County

Description of Project: The proposed planning study is a joint project between the Otay Water District (OWD) and the Sweetwater Authority (SWA) to determine the feasibility of OWD providing recycled water for use within the SWA service area. The study will be prepared by a Consultant in conjunction with staff from OWD and SWA. The study will include an assessment of potential recycled water customers within the SWA service area and the amount of recycled water that could reasonably be used by each customer. The study will also prepare feasibility level cost estimates and timelines to convert existing potable irrigation systems for recycled water use at identified customer sites and for construction of any new infrastructure required for conveyance of recycled water from OWD to customers within SWA. The study will also determine what regulatory compliance would be required for OWD and SWA to implement the use of recycled water within the SWA service area.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Otay Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Otay Water District

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption *(state type and section number)*;
- Statutory Exemption: *(state code number)*: 15262

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: This project is a planning study and there will be no physical facilities or improvements proposed to be constructed at the time the plan is approved. The planning study assumes that future CEQA compliance will be completed for any actual facilities proposed to be constructed.

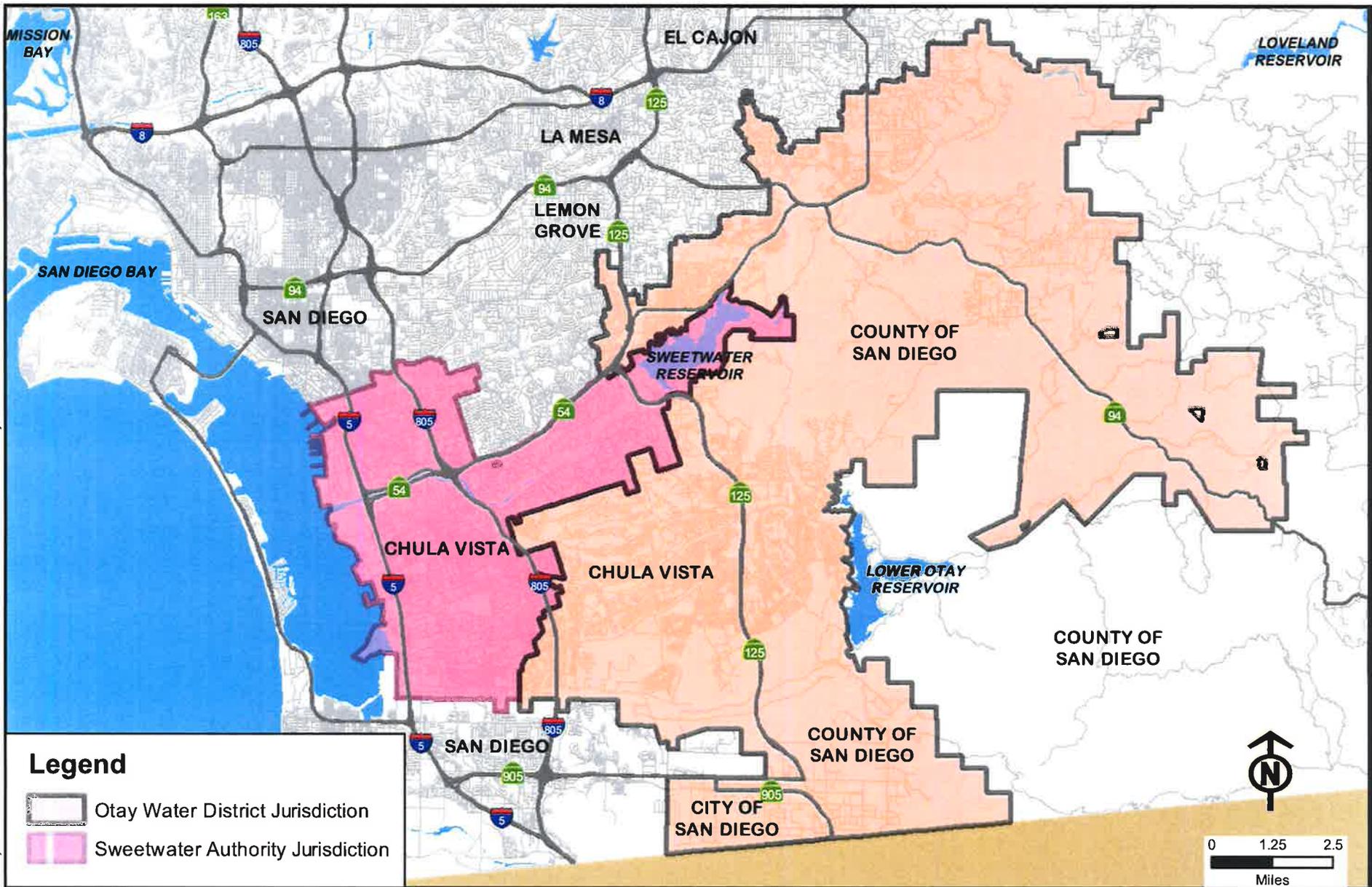
Lead Agency Contact Person: Lisa Coburn -Boyd, Otay Water District

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Signature: Lisa Coburn-Boyd
Title: Environmental Compliance Specialist

Date: April 3, 2023

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Legend

-  Otay Water District Jurisdiction
-  Sweetwater Authority Jurisdiction

OTAY WATER DISTRICT

OTAY WATER DISTRICT - SWEETWATER AUTHORITY RECYCLED WATER INTERTIE STUDY

EXHIBIT A